

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/882,173

Examiner

Haresh Patel

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/6/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,8-17,19-28 and 30-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/8/2007.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 1-6, 8-17, 19-28, 30-33 are presented for examination. Claims 7, 18, 29 are cancelled.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John Biggers on May 08, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims

4. Please cancel claims 7, 18 and 29.
5. Please amend claims 1, 12 and 23 as attached.

Terminal Disclaimer

6. The terminal disclaimer filed on 11/3/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of application 09/881,919, now patent number 7,155,530 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.
7. The terminal disclaimer filed on 11/3/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of application

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09/882,174, now patent number 7,096,276 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

8. The terminal disclaimer filed on 11/3/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of application 09/881,917, now patent number 7,080,152 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

9. The terminal disclaimer filed on 11/3/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of application 09/881,915, now patent number 7,103,670 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 1-6, 8-17, 19-28, 30-33 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haresh Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-3973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached at (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method of assigning director authority in a system that streams digital content from a multiplicity of sources of digital information to a multiplicity of client devices under control of a multiplicity of directors, the method implemented in conjunction with a network of digital computers, at least one of the digital computers comprising a content server upon which the steps of the method are implemented in computer memory and upon at least one computer processor, each said director having director attributes, the director attributes comprising a director authority, the content server including a store of director instruction records, ~~wherein~~ each said director instruction record represents one director instruction, the director instruction records comprising a director instruction authority, the method comprising the steps of:

extracting for a director of the directors, in dependence upon the director's attributes, director instructions from the store of director instruction records; and

downloading the extracted director instructions to the director;

the extracting director instructions comprises
further steps of:
determining the director authority; and
extracting from the store of director instructions,
director instructions having director instruction
authorities equal to the director authority.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A system for assigning director authority for streaming digital content from a multiplicity of sources of digital information to a multiplicity of client devices under control of a multiplicity of directors, the system implemented in conjunction with a network of digital computers, at least one of the digital computers comprising a content server upon which the system is implemented in computer memory and upon at least one computer processor, each said director having director attributes, the director attributes comprising a director authority, the content server including a store of director instruction records, ~~wherein~~ each said director instruction record represents one director instruction, the director instruction records comprising a director instruction authority, the system comprising:

means for extracting for a director of the directors,
in dependence upon the director's attributes, director
instructions from the store of director instruction
records; and

means for downloading the extracted director
instructions to the director;

the means for extracting director instructions
further comprises:

means for determining the director authority; and
means for extracting from the store of director
instructions, director instructions having director
instruction authorities equal to the director authority.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) A computer program
product for assigning director authority in a system for
streaming digital content from a multiplicity of sources
of digital information to a multiplicity of client devices
under control of a multiplicity of directors, the system
implemented in conjunction with a network of digital
computers, at least one of the digital computers
comprising a content server upon which the system is
implemented in computer memory and upon at least one
computer processor, each said director having director

attributes, the director attributes comprising a director authority, the content server including a store of director instruction records, ~~wherein~~ each said director instruction record represents one director instruction, the director instruction records comprising a director instruction authority, the ~~system~~ computer program product comprising:

a recording medium;

means for, recorded ~~on~~ in the recording medium, ~~for~~ extracting for a director of the directors, in dependence upon the director's attributes, director instructions from the store of director instruction records; and

means for, recorded ~~on~~ in the recording medium, ~~for~~ downloading the extracted director instructions to the director;

the means for extracting director instructions further comprises:

means for, recorded in the recording medium, determining the director authority; and

means for, recorded in the recording medium, extracting from the store of director instructions, director instructions having director instruction authorities equal to the director authority.